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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

She came to Northwestern Christian Home three days before Christmas, December 22, 1939. Back of that date was a long story for she had already lived two weeks more than 81 years. In that long life she had served faithfully and well in the church. Her husband and she had possessed material resources and given generously. Then death took him away, reverses came, a disappointing child brought heartache and financial losses. At last all was gone but a humble home and a little furniture.

The little church where she lived helped her and she came for admission to the Home of her church. It opened its doors and took her in. There she found home, friends, comfort and care.

Her coming was so near to Christmas that she did not expect to find her name at the Christmas tree. But the superintendent had known that she was coming and saw to it that her name was among the rest.

The surprise and happiness of that Christmas was just the beginning of the care the church made possible for two and a third years until her name was called to enter a finer and eternal home.

Her name? That does not matter. It it is in the records and in the Book of Life. Her story, with variations in dates and other details, is that of many others for whom the church makes home through its Christmas and other offerings for benevolence.

—Walter L. Myers.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Mrs. Goldia Ferguson, Springfield, is open for week-end visits to church schools within reach of her home. She will conduct a conference on Friday night, during Saturday, survey the school on Sunday morning, and make recommendations for improvement to the workers Sunday afternoon. The State Educational Committee is sponsoring her and pays her salary. The school visited is asked to give her an offering toward travel expense. If you want her speak now. Send requests to C F. Swander, State Director, 307 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon.

O. W. GILBERTSON

After long illness Brother Gilbertson passed on at his home in Barlow on November 13. He was 84 years old. He leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters. To all he leaves a Christian heritage.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The month of November has been devoted largly to youth interests. Twelve Fellowship Meets have been held in different parts of the state contacting nearly 300 of the youth in our churches. At Bend, Eugene, Salem, McMinnville, Portland, Forest Grove, North Bend, Hood River Vally, Albany, La Grande, and Pendleton these gatherings were held. Mrs. Leake, Frances Hyland and C. F. Swander directed these gatherings.

The question of the Christian Youth Fellowship as a means of unifying the work of young people in the local church was discussed in each place. Much interest in this new program was aroused and practically every local group committed itself to a consideration of the CYF in their local group.

Last year our young people adopted White Swan Indian Mission as a special project. This was favored again for this year, and also a membership in Northwest Christian College's "50 Club" was favored. The matter of project will be determined finally by the state leaders.

The meets were conspicuous for the absence of boys. We all recognize why that is. But the girls must do double duty now that the boys are out in other fields. And they will. Youth work is very much alive in Oregon.

North Bend Area Convention

This convention was typical of all. Forty-two young people from Myrtle Point, Coquille, Marshfield and North Bend met with the North Bend church, J. R. Adams, host pastor. Mrs. Leake directed the convention. It started off with a fine worship service by the North Bend young people, followed by a splendid messa.. by James Ballenger of Myrtle Point. A fine evening message was brought by Liston Parrish, of Coquille. This was the first meeting of just our own young people in that area for many years; and they decided to make it a regular thing on every fifth Sunday. All groups were enthusiastic about the Christian Youth Fellowship program and planned to go to work upon it immediately. They planned to share in the state project for youth—the Indian Christian Mission and the "50 Club" for Northwest Christian College. Brother Adams volunteered to mimeograph an area paper for the young people and this will record their progress in the Christian Youth Fellowship. The pastors of the area are all loyally behind their young people.

CHALLENGING VICTORIES

As part of the State Centennial Program the College is seeking to pay off the campus property debt within two years. Real progress is being made. Churches are rallying to this phase of the state program in a splendid way. A very substantial payment will be made on the property before the first of the year. The cooperation of churches and individuals is appreciated. Many churches have adopted the plan to raise, each year for the next two years, a sum equal to $1 per member. Several churches have done that for this year. Here are a few illustrations:

Nez Perce, in North Idaho, with a church membership of 120 has sent in a sum equal to more than two and one-half times the church membership; Centralia, Washington, has sent in $300; Chehalis, Washington, has pledged $300; Newberg raised $400; Stayton over $150; Toledo more than $125; Crabtree, $100; Albany, a total for all purposes of over $800; Harrisburg, $150; Jefferson, over $200.

The "50 Club" idea is going strong. The idea is to find at least 50 people who will give the College $100 or more. The Club is less than three months old and we have half our goal.—K. E. Burke, President.

ADDED TO THE CHURCHES

BEND, 4 baptized, 2 by statement, November 1. W. I. Palmer, pastor.

SWEET HOME, 9 added in first four weeks of ministry by A. E. Page.

KLAMATH FALLS, 6 baptisms, 9 by statement. A. C. Bates, pastor.

CENTRAL (Portland), 10 by statement recently. Claude Neely, pastor.

SALEM FIRST, 7 added November 1 and 8. Dudley Strain, pastor.

ENGLEWOOD, 1 baptism, 3 by statement November 1. Alton Brostrom, pastor.

PORTLAND FIRST, 2 added November 15. Thompson L. Shannon, pastor.

FOREST GROVE, 5 added in first two months. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

NEWBERG, 8 baptisms, 2 by statement. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

KERN PARK (Portland), 3 confessions, 8 by statement in October meeting by B. Ross Evans. C. H. Addleman, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST, 3 added in first week of meeting by Carrol Fairbanks. R. W. Coleman, pastor.

WOODBURN: The Newell Morgans report 1 baptism recently: a junior church with attendance of 23 organized by the Mrs. Morgan, with 19 remaining for church.

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STATE OFFERINGS

October 28 to November 25

CHURCHES: Albany, $50; Ashland, $30; Central (Portland), $50; Corvallis, $8.03; Eugene I, $176.50; Falls City, $3; Klamath Falls, $12; La Grande, $50; No. Plains, $5; Ontario, $2.75; Portland I, $100; Salem I, $20.80; Scio, $5; St. Helens, $35; Wallowa, $12; Yamhill, $2.50. Total, $562.58.

SCHOOLS: Canby, $11; Carlton, $4.24; Central (Portland), $30; Court St. (Salem), $5; Forest Grove, $36.42; Kern Park (Portland), $56; Liberty (Salem), $10; Milwaukie, $6.95; Ontario, $1; Pendleton, $6.25; Richland, $5; St. Helens, $6.80; Sheridan, $4.76; Wallowa, $20. Total, $203.42.

INDIVIDUALS: Joy Calvan, $1; The Tan-Ditters, $2; Ross Evans, $5; W. L. Goode and wife $2.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Kern Park, $1.25.

IMPROVEMENTS: Ninety-Nine, $25.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest, $5.57; Principal, $57.93.

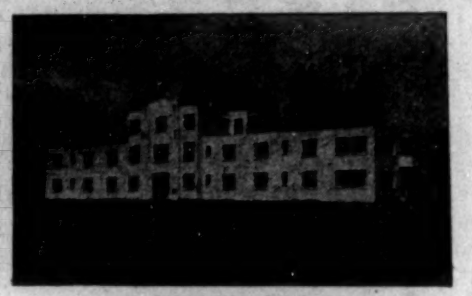
October and November have shown a marked pick-up in offerings. We appreciate this and hope it will continue. 38 schools have sent the Rally Day offering. There is still room for more. We have no report yet on the Thanksgiving offerings. But just in case you neglected it you may still come under the line. We have a supply of materials in the state office which may be had for the asking.

STATE OFFERING GOALS

In the October issue we reported the names of 20 churches that had accepted the goals for state missions. We are happy now for 22 more:

Carlton, Coquille, Corbett, Dallas, Dufur, Franklin, Halfway, Heppner, Lebanon, Liberty, Marcola, Myrtle Point, North Plains, Odell, Ontario, Pendleton, Mallory Ave., Scio, The Dalles, Vaughn, Warrenton, and Willamina. Some of these have paid up in full. If your church name does not appear in the above list, or on the October release, get it in soon.

Alvin Tiffin, at Deer Lodge, Montana for two years, has been called to Redmond and is on the field. Welcome home Al.



NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Supt.

Years ago Mr. and Mrs. John Belshaw lived in Lane County, and went from there to California where Mrs. Belshaw died several years ago. Brother Belshaw died in Anaheim, California, on November 6, this year. His will directs the sale of his farm seven miles from Eugene and a division of the proceeds equally between the church at Anaheim and the California Christian Home at San Gabriel. The church will apply its share on its building debt, and the Home's share will go into the permanent building fund. It was mostly from the accumulation of such bequests that the Northwestern Christian Home was erected, and it is by such means that we hope to provide for future enlargement of our benevolent work.

The Business Women's Class in Eugene First Church, taught by Mrs. Victor P. Morris, each year adds to the thankfulness of Thanksgiving by sending a cash gift of $1 to each member of Northwestern Christain Home.

Miss Lillian Wilkinson was just past the age of 82 when she died in Northwestern Christian Home in late October. She was born in Kentucky. Her brother was a missionary in Turkey where he died. She has outlived all others of her family and was alone except for the family of the church when she came to the Home from Falls City two years ago in September.

Northwestern Christian Home says "Thank you," to all who have helped make possible the blessing of this year. It sends a Christmas greeting with a prayer that you will remember this benevolent ministry to the aged of the church with a most generous Christmas offering.— Walter L. Myers.

FINDING THE LOST SHEEP

Willis White, "99" evangelist, has submitted his report for October 1 to November 15. His October meeting was at Heppner, Martin Clark, pastor. There were 21 responses, 16 for baptism. During the month he also attended the state convention at Salem where he was one of the main speakers. He conducted a planning conference at Pendleton for eastern Oregon.

A summary of activities for October follows: 353 calls, 35 sermons, 3 Ninety and Nine meetings, 545 tracts and 26 New Testaments distributed, 1050 miles travelled. His salary was $150 and his expenses were $30.36. The Heppner church gave an offering of $155.92 for the meeting and $2.34 was given to the tract and Bible fund.

While our budget provides for these things it is obvious that our service can be greatly enlarged in proportion to the funds received. Brother White is now at Elgin with Glen Ballard, and all signs point to a great harvest there. There were 3 confessions the first week. Pray for the success of our evangelist as he carries on. His next meeting will be at Goshen, a small but active church in Lane County, ministered to by a student from N. C. C.

Assistance may be given to other small churches needing evangelistic meetings. Inquiries should be addressed to Martin Kullowatz, 8456 S. W. 30th Ave., Portland.

CHURCH NEWS

Fred G. Coe, superintendent of the Hood River Church School had the misfortune to break his leg recently.

John Barney, U. S. Army Chaplain, recently preached a sermon in his old pulpit at Roseburg.

Mrs. Leake, junior superintendent at Hood River, got a smile that wouldn't come off when the thanksgiven offering was taken. The juniors gave $10 and challenged the rest of the school to match it. They did, and $5 more.

The annual meeting of the Sisters Church showed 26 additions during the year, a junior C. E. organized, 25 funerals, 7 weddings. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

E. W. McCash, pastor for the past year at Grants Pass, has resigned to become effective December 15. He accepts a call to Selma, California. Brother McCash is an able preacher and successful leader. We regret greatly his departure.

A. E. Page, pastor at Sweet Home, is conducting a radio program from 8 to 9 o'clock each Sunday morning over KWIL, Albany.

A PRIMER FOR TEACHERS

This is the name of a new book by Margaret Slattery. It is designed for the ordinary teacher who has not had technical training for her work. It is written in non-technical language and gives the principles upon which good teaching must be based. The price is $1.25.

NINETY AND NINE NEWS

Ray C. Smith, Secretary

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING

State officers met in Salem Court Street Church on Lords Day, November 1, with the following men present: Ed DeWees, Clifford Dobbins, Martin Kullowatz, Earl Noble, Lloyd Arnett, Ed Reasor, Frank Dornhecker, K. I. Dixon, Ray Smith and Harold Lyman. Chairman Kullowatz, of the Evangelistic Committee, asked for the publication of a special folder outlining the work and program of the Ninety and Nine movement, together with a statement of principles of the New Testament plea and plan of salvation. This was approved and ordered.

The boys work committee will sponsor a speaking contest for boys not over 15 years of age to be run through the local church, district and divisional camp, closing with a contest for state honors at the annual state convention next October. Full details will be announced by the Committee, Lloyd Arnett, Chairman.

Let's Go—But How?

The matter of transportation to district and state meetings has received a great deal of attention and the rationing of gas and tires will no doubt have its effect on future rallies and gatherings. But others means of communication and fellowship will be provided. Letters will be written and state leaders will be sent out as often as they are needed and as arrangements can be made. We plan to send out a monthly bulletin to leaders and interested laymen in each church who, in turn, are expected to pass the word along to others in the local group. Early and full response to all inquiries will bring victory. Our mailing list is neither complete nor correct, due to removals and changes in local officers. We will appreciate receiving additional names of men who are interested in receiving the monthly report. Besides the pastor there should be at least two in every local church to whom we may send these reports. May we hear from you soon?

Metropolitan District

Teddy Leavitt, of Ellensburg, Washington, was to be the speaker at Metropolitan District rally at Oregon City on November 23. Evangelism in this district is carried on under the leadership of a committee headed by Harold Davis, of Multnomah, as chairman.

With at least one night a month at the Union Gospel Mission, and literally thousands of new folks coming into the city for defense work, surely "the fields are white unto the harvest," and a rare opportunity for evangelism is here. It has been pointed out that in the city of Portland there are at least a half dozen communities not now influenced by any Christian work, and these communities should be entered with the New Testament plea.

Eastern Oregon District

A fine planning conference was held at Pendleton on October 27, attended by district officers and others, with Willie White as guest of honor. It was decided to plan for an Eastern Oregon Sub-convention, immediately following the state rally in October, using as far as possible the same speakers and developing the same general theme. A suggested goal of $250 was accepted as their portion of the state budget.

About 40 men attended the meeting at La Grande on November 5, at which Brother White spoke on, "Men Wanted." Many pledges were signed and much enthusiasm was displayed. One man who paid $50 last year renewed his pledge for this year. It is expected that a big rally will be held at Milton one evening during the meeting by Earl Hanson Fife, founder of the Ninety and Nine Movement. State officers in this district are J. B. McDowell, vice president, of Baker; and O. D. Harris, minister, Pendleton.

Yamhill District

The November rally was held at Dayton with 45 men present. Vice President Cliff Dobbins reports a fine meeting with an inspiring message from Kenneth Hendricks, of Yamhill. New officers chosen were: Dave Duncan, Willamina, president; Ed Lee, Amity, vice president; Walter Havermath, Dayton, secretary. The goal for this district was $150, and was accepted by the meeting. However, the state executive committee has found that where possible district quotas should be increased 50% over last year in order to balance the budget on the new basis. This would raise this district goal to $185.

Coos Bay District

State treasurer Earl Noble is just in receipt of a check for $8.50 from Coos Bay District as first payment on their goal of $100. With this comes a statement regarding a good meeting held recently at which the following officers were elected: Elmer Newton, North Bend, president; L. E. Wolgamott, Myrtle Point, vice president; Ken Adams, North Bend.

How Much Should We Give?

If you are wondering just how much your local group should share in the total state budget may we suggest the following? Our total budget is $3,300. We expect at least $800 of this to come as offerings from the churches where campaigns are conducted by our evangelist, which leaves a bal-

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NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

K. E. Burke, President

ENROLLMENT

The largest first term enrollment in the history of N. C. C. is the record made this year. 241 have enrolled to date. Enrollment records show men still leading women.

Service

Fifty-five preaching points are served each Lord's Day by students and faculty. Some students travel a total of 300 miles each week. Dr. Burke travels over 600 miles each week to supply the pulpit of the University Church in Seattle. Professor Walter Fiscus is serving the First Church in Eugene as ad interim pastor. The Volunteer Band of the College serves four places where services would not be held if it were not for this organization.

Christmas Vacation

The dates for the Christmas vacation have been set as December 12 to 27. The winter term classes will begin Monday, December 28.

Special Lectures

Two series of lectures by faculty members will be presented to students before Christmas. Dr. V. E. Hoven will deliver four lectures on Seventh Day Adventism. Professor Wm. Siefke will devote four periods to a discussion of Mormonism.

During the winter term three special lecture series have been arranged. C. W. Longman will be on the campus January 12-14 for a series of messages on Christian education and leadership training for the Bible School. Mrs. K. C. Hendricks will be the special guest speaker for the Kellems Fellowship of Girls which will be held January 26-28. Clifford Jope, of the Pension Fund, will be on the campus February 14-20 for a preaching mission and special lectures to classes.

Produce Needed

The college dining hall is in need of produce and canned fruits and vegetables. We may not be able to call for it due to gas rationing, but if you can send it to the college it will help greatly and give your congregation extra credit for giving.

Special Gifts

We express to several good friends our thanks for special gifts—a floor lamp, a new washing machine, two electric sweepers, and many new utinsels and dishes for the dining hall. We are always in need of more and more books for the library.

BEND: Reports 17 baptisms, 27 otherwise since W. I. Palmer, present pastor came. Salary was recently increased to $2,500.

OREGON MISSIONARY TIDINGS

Mrs. E. F. Leake, Secretary
MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Workers: Reports from the Grand Rapids Convention are that so many of the speakers gave such forward looking messages that it made those in attendance feel that they were part of a great army moving forward under divine command—but moving forward always. Never before in all the history of the world has there been such urgent need for the army of Christ to be on the move to spread the gospel of love and good will as today when the armies of hate and death are moving toward the destruction of religious, social and intellectual culture.

"T.N.T.—Today—Not Tomorrow," a war slogan suggested for Great Britan, seems to me particularly appropriate for us as missionary women of Oregon to adopt as our own at this time when the Christian religion is being challenged for its very existence. Some there are who are saying, "Let's lay aside the missionary program of the church for the duration." This is unthinkable. Instead, let us not only hold every line in spite of increasing costs, but be prepared to advance as each new opportunity develops. Let us put "first things first" that it can never be said of our giving of time, money, prayers or ourselves, that it was "Too little and too late." —Your co-worker, Mrs. John R. Howard, Corvallis.

Camp Adair

A letter from Arlouine Mick, District Secretary, at Albany, has this to say of a recent visit to Camp Adair: "This afternoon was very instructive and entertaining. We were invited by Chaplain Jenks to visit Camp Adair. Our churches at Salem, Lebanon, Corvallis and other places around were also guests. Mrs Harrison was there and I looked for Etta but did not see her. Mr. Jenks is tne only chaplain that we have out there."

Eastern Oregon

Mrs. Cecil Warner, District Secretary, of Eastern Oregon, and Mrs. Leake visited some of the societies of eastern Oregon in November.

On November 3 they met with the splendid group at Heppner. They found an enthusiastic and forward looking society. The church has just completed a four-week evangelistic meeting with the Willie Whites and all were happy over this—then, too, after many years their fine church building was free from indebtedness. The same evening a visit was made to the Pendleton group. Brother O. D. Harris gave the opening devotional and Brother Cecil Warner gave an enthusiastic presentation of what the Council had meant to the Hermiston church. Bible School Superintendent Baker, who is well known as the superintendent of our convention Bible School each year, was present in the meeting.

The next morning an early start was made for Milton by way of Walla Walla. Mrs. Rice, of Milton, had a luncheon for the workers and then they went to the church for the afternoon meeting. In spite of apple harvest a surprisingly large number were on hand for the meeting. We enjoyed a very pleasant visit with tne Jewitts before going on to Athena for the evening meeting.

The Athena meeting was a church night dinner and there seemed to be no shortage of food in that area. There was a time of splendid fellowship and all enjoyed the duet by Pastor Paul Moore and his wife. Mrs. Leake gave the address and a generous offering was taken for Yakima Indian Mission.

The Hermiston meeting was held on Thursday at the spacious ranch home of the Saylors. It was a luncheon meeting with a large attendance and a fine program and fellowship. We were impressed with the fact that this group is made up almost entirely of young mothers. This is one of our youngest, but most active, Council groups. We expect great things from Hermiston. Thursday evening we spent in the Bible study group at Hermiston.

Checking-up Time

The first half of the missionary year has gone and it is time to check our societies against the Honor Roll aims to see if we are attaining our goals we have set for ourselves. I am listing again the Honor Roll Aims so that you may check your W.M.S. or Council:

1. Meet Financial Aims.
2. Seek to enlist every woman in the observance of daily devotions and recommend the use of Upper Room, Hearthstone and other devotional material.
3. Increase attendance.
4. Have at least one mission study class, or leadership training class during the year.
5. Have increase in World Call subscriptions.
6. Observe Woman's Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
7. Visit, or entertain, another church group in or near vicinity.
8. Support our state project—Nanking University, Chengdu, West China and Work project— Yakima Indian Mission.
9. Have definite program of missionary education for youth and children in your church, reporting same to the superintendents.
10. Active participation by your group in the United Christian Advance; your church enrolled.

We are planning now to begin our new study on Latin America. Secure a copy of Gunther's "Inside Latin America" from your library for background material. Any book by Guy Inman, Our own missionary, will be splendid reading material. The new packet, "Latin America," —programs, projects, activities for seniors and young people is good material for your youth groups.

Junior Quarterlies

Teachers and Junior superintendents are enthusiastic over the newly written First Year Junior Quarterly for the Bible School put out by the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis. Its use is revolutionizing the children's work in our churches. There is sufficient material in the pupil's quarterly and the teacher's quarterly for the Expanded Session and the Junior Church. Oregon Children's Workers have received the new quartrely with great enthusiasm.

Youth Fellowship Materials

The program for the young people of the Christian churches is outlined in the Youth Fellowship Manuals. They are as follows:

General Manual
Worship Manual
Service and Social Action Manual
Study Manual
Social and Recreation Manual
Personnel Manual

STATE EVANGELISM

B. Ross Evans closed a meeting at Silverton, Russell Myers, pastor on November 22. There were 2 baptized and 4 by statement. He commences at Hermiston, Cecil Warner, pastor, on November 29.

Evangelistic meetings are difficult these days because of the difficulty in contacting those whom we especially want to reach. Defense work, staggered hours, difficulty in transportation increases the difficulty. But evangelists press on counting no hardship too great to for the reaching even one soul for Christ. Brethren, pray for our evangelists.

NINETY AND NINE

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ance of $2,500 to come directly from the men themselves. A conservative estimate of the man-power of churches cooperating in Ninety and Nine is 2,500. This averages $1 per man. Many men will give more than that and some will give nothing; but our minnimum of sharing in this work should be on that basis. If there are 40 men in your local group your goal could be set at $40, and an honest effort made to reach that aim. If surplus accumulates in the treasury another evangelist will be put into the field. We know of no better way to evangelize.